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1. The commander of the Transcaucasus Front is Army Gen. Antonov. Head-
quarters of the Transcaucasus Front is at the corner of Beriya Square
and Rustaveli Street in Tbilisi. [redacted] the
Transcaucasus Front is composed of two armies.
2. Altogether, there are eight infantry divisions of the Transcaucasus
Front in the Georgian SSR. There are three infantry divisions quartered in Tbilisi:
one in the Arsenal building, one in the Avlabar section and one
in the Navtlug section. One infantry division each is stationed in
Kutaisi, Batumi, Gori, Akhaltsikh (41-38N, 42-59E), and Akhalkalaki
(41-25N, 43-29E).
3. Vaziani (approximately 20 km S of Tbilisi) and Avchani (approximately
8 km W of Tbilisi in the direction of Batumi) are summer training camps
and assembly areas for the troops of the Transcaucasus Front.

4. The headquarters of the tank forces in Tbilisi is located in the Navtlug
section. One of the tank units is stationed in the Saburtali suburb
of Tbilisi and another is stationed in Navtlug. [redacted] 77 tanks
is Saburtali and 72 tanks, lined up in 18 rows, four abreast, in Navtlug.

5. The following other units are stationed in Tbilisi:

Motomech unit (motomekhechast) quartered in barracks on Dzeneladze
Street near Chelyuskintsev Square.

Technical unit quartered on Sapernaya Street, which runs parallel
to Rustaveli Avenue.

Cavalry unit quartered on Klara Tsetkin Street.

Transcaucasus Infantry School located on Plekhanov Avenue.

Artillery unit quartered in the Vortachala section.

Communications school located at No. 22 Kakhetinskaya Street,
Avlabar.

Infantry unit quartered in barracks on Kakhetinskaya Street.

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Artillery unit located in the Navtlug section; this unit has weapons of the Katyusha type.

6. All the terrain adjoining the military hospital in Navtlug is part of the area of the Voyenny Gorodok (military town or permanent camp). A permanent military camp is located in Avchala, a suburb north of Tbilisi.
7. The following troops are stationed elsewhere in the Georgian SSR:

Mtskheta (41-56N, 44-42E): Regiment of engineers.

Kutaisi: Artillery regiment. 18 x 75mm pieces and 24 x 45mm pieces. There are also infantry and motorized units in Kutaisi.

Khashuri (42-01N, 43-34E): A battalion of infantry is quartered in the village of Osiauri (42-01N, 43-43E), near Khashuri. Ammunition dumps are located adjoining the village. It is believed that the dumps are guarded by the battalion stationed in Osiauri.

Stalinir (42-14N, 43-58E): Motorized regiment of technical troops.

Gori: Heavy artillery regiment stationed in the Tvernaki section of Gori. An infantry unit and a motomech unit stationed east of the canning factory.

Poti: Two battalions designated "Ch F", believed to be marines of the Black Sea Fleet.

Zasudeli (40 km from: Mikha-Tskhakaya): Armored train composed of 24 armored cars and an armored locomotive.

Batumi: One infantry division. The main components of this division are quartered in the city itself; the others are stationed in the outskirts. One battalion of infantry is stationed in the Makharadze section of Batumi (sic; Makharadze is a town 40 km by air NE of Batumi).

Shulaveri (Shaumvani-: Heavy concentration of artillery.
 41-21N, 44-46E)

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25X1 Telavi-Shilda: An Air Force base is located approximately 1.5 km north of the railroad station of Telavi (41-55N, 45-31E). The base has two airfields, on one of which [redacted] 40 twin-engine aircraft that looked like bombers, five U-2s, and one transport aircraft. This field is level but has no concrete or asphalt runways. The other, the Shilda (41-59N, 45-42E) airfield, has a grass surface and no runways; [redacted] 40 twin-engine aircraft and three U-2s on this field. The Shilda and Telavi airfields are about 4 km apart and cover approximately 200 hectares each. Neither field has a permanent radio station. Air-ground communication is maintained by means of mobile stations mounted on trucks. Personnel of the airbase are quartered in old barracks located in the eastern part of Telavi. There is a heavy concentration of troops in Telavi.

25X1 Vaziani (20 km S of Tbilisi): Central Air Force base. [redacted] 40 twin-engine, 32 single-engine, and several U-2 and transport planes, and one aircraft unfamiliar to him. The airfield has hangars, repair shops, and fuel storage tanks. Fuel is brought from Gardabani (41-28N, 46-08E). The airfield has no permanent radio station. There are two runways, one asphalted and the other apparently a "rammed strip of ground" (sic; packed earth?).

25X1 Navtlug (southern section of Tbilisi): Training field with a permanent radio station. [redacted] 15 training aircraft.

25X1 Gardabani (41-28N, 46-08E): Airfield located on the opposite bank of the Kura River. Work on this field was begun in 1950 and is still in progress. The field covers approximately 200 hectares and has asphalted runways. [redacted] 24 single-engine aircraft, some of which looked like attack aircraft.

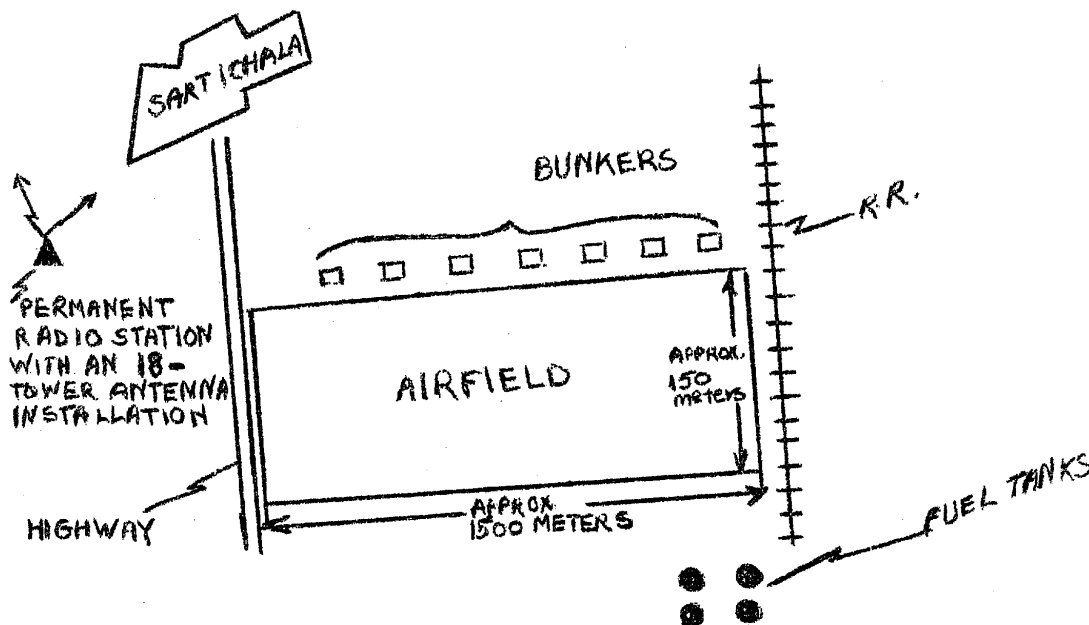
25X1 Sartichala (41-43N, 45-11E): One airfield. [redacted] 48 single-engine aircraft and three U-2s. (See sketch on next page.)

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Veli (40-56N, 45-20E): This field is used for testing jet aircraft manufactured by Aircraft Plant No. 31 in Tbilisi. The field is approximately 3 km long and 200 m wide. The number of aircraft on this field varies with the number being tested at the time.

Koda (41-35N, 44-46E): One airfield, covering approximately 200 hectares. [redacted] 40 twin-engine and four U-2 aircraft.

Dzhandari (5 km from Koda on the Leninakan rail line): One airfield. [redacted] 40 twin-engine aircraft.

Stalinir (ex-Tskhinvali-42-14N, 43-58E): Work on the construction of the field began in 1949. Modern runways are still under construction. [redacted] trucks were bringing in air bombs.

Kutaisi: Headquarters of an air brigade (aviobrigada) is located on Kirov Street in a two-story building. Two airfields are located in the environs of Kutaisi; both have repair shops and hangars. One field is located on the west side of town, between the Kutaisi-Khoni and the Kutaisi-Tskhaltug highways. [redacted] 72 single-engine aircraft on this field. The other is about 2 km SW of Kutaisi, bordering the Kutaisi-Khoni highway. [redacted] 24 single-engine aircraft on this field. A ZIS-151 plant is now under construction between the two airfields.

Mikha-Tskhakaya (ex-Tsenaki-42-17N, 42-02E): One airfield approximately 200 hectares in area with an asphalted runway. [redacted] 48 single-engine aircraft.

Meria (41-57N, 41-53E): Airfield under construction. Work on two hangars has been completed and other hangars are still being built. The runways were being asphalted at the time of observation. AAA is located on one side of the field, which covers approximately 500 hectares. [redacted] 24 single-engine aircraft.

Khoni (Tsulukidze-42-20N, 42-26E): Airfield located in the village of Ivandidi, 3 km from Khoni. The airfield is on the left side of the highway leading into Khoni.

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[redacted] area of the field [redacted] described [redacted] as being large. There are no hangars or permanent radio station. [redacted] 24 single-engine aircraft. Personnel is quartered in Khoni.

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25X1 Batumi:

Two airfields are located near the village of Kakhaberi on the bank of the Chorokh River west of Batumi. One of these fields is military and the other civilian. [redacted]

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[redacted] 48 single-engine aircraft on the military field.

25X1 Poti:

[redacted] 24 seaplanes at the seaplane base.

Sukhumi:

The area is heavily guarded and approach close enough for observation is impossible; but, on the basis of take-offs and landings observed, [redacted] positive of the existence of a military airfield.

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1. The Minister of State Security of the Georgian SSR is Nikolai Maksimovich Rukhadze.
2. The Minister of Internal Affairs of the Georgian SSR is Karanadze.
3. MGB and MVD headquarters in Tbilisi are located in what is called the Pervy Kvartal (first block) in the section of Tbilisi where other government buildings are located. Buildings of the government of the Georgian SSR are located in the "second block". The building of the Central Committee of the Communist Party is located in the "third block".
4. The MGB representative in Batumi is Kacharov. The chief of MGB troops in Gori is Col. Kutukhashvili.
5. MVD frontier detachments are located at Novorossiisk, Sukhumi, Batumi, and Akhaltsikh (41-38N, 42-59E). The commander of the Akhaltsikh detachment is Col. Popov. Frontier komendaturas subordinate to the Batumi frontier detachment are located at Adygeni (Tse-41-41N, 42-42E), Tskhaltbila (41-35N, 42-51E), Aspindza (41-34N, 43-15E), and Bogdanovka (41-15N, 43-35E).
6. In 1947, the Batumi MVD frontier detachment was commanded by Col. Dolidze. During Dolidze's incumbency, a frontier soldier shot and killed an officer and escaped to Turkey. As a result of this incident, Dolidze was removed from his post and transferred to Tbilisi as warden of the Kubersaya Prison.
7. MVD Col. David Estafovich Peradze (or Paradze) served as commander of the Khula MVD Frontier Komendatura (Western Abastumani) from 1938 to 1943. From 1943 to 1945 he was deputy commander of the Akhaltsikh MVD frontier detachment. From 1945 to 25 March 1949 he was commander of that detachment. At the end of March 1949 Peradze was ordered to report to Moscow to attend an officer's refresher course. He completed the course and at present is awaiting further assignment. Peradze is a Party member.

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<u>Town</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kutaisi	ZIS-151 automobile plant, under construction	Eastern section of town, between the two air- fields
	Canning factory	
	Chemical plant	Banks of the Rion River
	Shoe factory	
	Textile factory	
	Mining equipment	New Kutaisi
	Silk combine	Tsereteli Street
Gori	Textile combine, under con- struction	
	Railroad tie treating factory	
	Canning factory	
Batumi	Machine plant	Near the Kakhaberi RR station
	Petroleum refinery	Orta Batumi
	Ship refitting yard	
	Canning factory	
	Tobacco factory	
Poti	Ship refitting yard	
Sukhumi	Canning factory	
Samtredia	Canning factory	
	Silk factory	
Telavi (41-55N, 45- 31E)	Silk factory	
Agara (approx. 42-02N, 43-50E)	Agarski Sugar Factory	

2. Power stations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
ZAGES (Zemo-Avchalskaya hydroelectric station) (18,000 hp)	Zemo-Avchala, suburb north of Tbilisi
Rion GES	Kutaisi
Thermal plant	Kutaisi Automobile Plant
Gorokh GES	On Gorokh River
Khram GES	On Khram River
Chitakhevi GES	6 km SW of Borzhomi
Thermal plant	Rustavi
Electric station	Tkvarcheli (42-51N, 41-41E)

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